

VETERAN SMALL BUSINESS ADVOCATES OF THE YEAR



Bill Daves & Fred Ballard
Oahu Veterans Council
Region IX & State of Hawaii

Teamwork can produce extraordinary results as it has with the team of **Bill Daves and Fred Ballard**, officers of the Oahu Veterans Council. The two men, veterans themselves, are dedicated to advancing opportunities, recognition and well-being of veterans in Hawaii. The two monitor veteran's causes, tracking legislation, lobbying and keeping 50th State veterans connected through radio shows, meetings and news columns they produce. They arrange meetings and training sessions for fellow vets, frequently with a focus on business development opportunities. Their active network includes the Disabled American Veterans, the Vietnam Veterans, the Civil Air Patrol, the U.S. Submarine Vets, the VFW, the American Legion and many others. Ballard and Daves helped plan and fund the Veterans Center of Oahu, procuring a grant to design and construct the facility. They consider this to be their crowning achievement as advocates. *Nominated by: Beulah Olanolan, Bank of Hawaii.*